

## ALLIES MAKING SPORADIC THRUSTS

Invaders Given Little Rest  
Notwithstanding the  
Weather.

## WIND SLEET AND SNOW

Number of Men of British, French and  
German Armies Rapidly Filling  
Hospitals.

Paris, Dec. 5.—The allies, have further advanced their lines in Belgium and northern France on the western end of their battle, and also in the Argonne, where desperate fighting is reported in the official communique from the war office today.

A position between Dixmude and Ypres, long contended for by the opposing armies, has been taken and held in the face of counter-attacks by the Germans. North of the Ypres two lines of trenches have been captured and similar gains have been made in the Argonne. Rheims is again bombarded.

"Sensible progress has been made north of the Ypres," the statement declares. "the infantry taking two lines of trenches in an attack at daylight."

"A position between Dixmude and Ypres, disputed for a month, has been taken and held, despite the enemy's artillery."

"Rheims was severely bombarded yesterday."

"In the Argonne the fighting was extremely hot. The French took several trenches and maintained points already won."

Paris, Dec. 5.—From Flanders or the west to Alsace on the east, sporadic thrusts are now being made by the German line through Belgium and across northern France by the allied forces.

Despite the return of extremely bad weather in Flanders the Germans are being given little rest that might enable them to gather strength for a final assault in an effort to reach Calais.

The centre of the fighting in this region continues to be in the vicinity of Ypres.

During the last few days a howling gale, driving before it sleet and snow, has swept the fighting line.

The number of men from the French and British trenches now in the hospitals from illness is rapidly increasing, but the Germans are suffering heavier losses from this cause. There is a veritable epidemic of disease in the German lines, it is declared.

## COUNCILMEN CUT OWN SALARY

Pittsburg Solons Take Unusual Action in Interest of Economy

Pittsburg, Dec. 5.—An action which probably is without precedent in the history of legislative bodies in Pittsburg, the county or the State was taken as a master stroke to insure economy in the city's finances yesterday when the city's nine Councilmen during consideration of the next year budget, cut their own salaries \$1,000 a year and passed a motion which practically demands that every city official from the Mayor down volunteer to accept a proportionate cut.

Other motions which were considered and which will be taken up after a conference with the Mayor and his cabinet will effect a reduction of 5 to 15 per cent on every salary above \$1,500.

Councilman salaries have heretofore been \$6,500.

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## NEWS OF THE DAY

Turks, working under the direction of German engineers, are constructing a military railway from Palestine to the Suez Canal.

According to dispatches from the eastern theater of war, the reports that Japanese troops are fighting with the Russians have been confirmed. More Japanese troops are reported to be on their way to the Russian front via the Trans-Siberian Railway.

Edwin A. Merritt, Jr., member of Congress for the 31st district of New York, died yesterday at his home in Potsdam. Mr. Merritt was 54 years old and was serving his third term in Congress. He was a Republican.

Mrs. William J. Fredericks, the wife of a Meriden, Conn. merchant, is gradually turning to stone. Although her lower limbs are petrified and her arms are becoming rigid, her mind is clear. She is 50 years old. Her voice has failed. Only her husband and the nurses can interpret the sounds she utters. Physicians say it is very exceptional among the cases in this part of the country. Specialists are unable to find out with certainty the cause of her disease and some of them believe that Mrs. Fredericks suffers from a kind of rheumatism. Her vitality is phenomenal, but she cannot recover. Her illness has lasted five years.

The 300,000 youths of 18 years in France, who normally would be in service in the army in October of 1916 are by government decree to be called to present themselves for examination beginning December 20th. Their military training probably will begin next March. Should the necessity arise, these youths probably could be sent to the fighting line next July.

The Greek government has received word from its minister at Constantinople that his departure is imminent as the result of a breach with the Turkish government. Turkish officials charged the Greek minister with maintaining a secret wireless apparatus in the legation and insisted upon searching the place but the diplomat threatened to leave the city if such action were taken. The Greek government is upholding its minister.

## CONSTELLATION LEAVES

Old Frigate Being Towed to Newport R. I. By Naval Tug.

In tow of the big naval tug Ontario, the old frigate Constellation, which has been lying at the Washington navy yard for about three weeks, left yesterday en route to Newport, R. I. where she is assigned to duty.

The vessel attracted some attention as she passed Alexandria.

Advantage was taken of the twenty-four day delay in the Constellation leaving the navy yard to lower her tall upper masts to the deck and to make the vessel ready to go to sea. Instead of stopping at Norfolk to have the frigate put in shape for receiving ship service at the Newport naval station, the naval tug Ontario will, on arriving in Hampton Roads, go directly to sea with the old vessel and hurry her to her destination on Long Island sound. The Constellation will be a permanent fixture at Newport, and on account of her association with the past, it is probable that more consideration will be given by the government to the question of keeping the old ship in service and more money will be spent in keeping her up than on a more modern ship.

## JACKSON'S HOME BURNED

Birthplace of "Stonewall" Caught from Leaves Fired by Children

Weston, W. Va., Dec. 5.—The boyhood home of Gen. Thomas J. (Stonewall) Jackson, a frame house north of here, was destroyed by fire Thursday night.

Leaves left burning by children are believed to have ignited the building. The old Jackson mill nearby was not harmed.

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## BOMB-PLANTING IN NEW YORK

Another Thrilling Gun  
Fight in the Street  
This Morning.

## UNION SQUARE SCARE

Dynamiter Places Pistol in Face of  
Policeman, Who Knocks Weapon  
From His Hand.

New York, Dec. 5.—Two bomb plantings and a running gun fight by gangsters were today added to New York's recent outbreak. A bomb containing highly explosive chemicals was planted under the iron steps of a shop at 24 Union Square late last evening. Its explosion, by means of a rope fuse, ripped out a six foot piece of heavy iron from the stairway foundation, shattered windows in the Union Savings Bank next door and frightened hundreds who were passing through Union Square homeward.

The second bomb was planted at the Children's Branch of the Bronx Court. It was discovered in time to prevent its explosion.

At Tenth Avenue and Thirty second street a score of shots were fired by gangsters before police scattered the fighters by use of their own revolvers. Joseph Joyce was arrested as he pushed his gun in Patrolman Schaffer's side. The revolver went off as Schaffer knocked it to the ground. Police believe the battle was the result of the killing several days ago of William "Patsy" Doyle in a saloon.

## COLORED MASONS

Grand Commandery, Grand Royal Arch and Grand Lodge of Virginia to Meet in Alexandria.

The M. W. Grand Lodge of Masons of the State of Virginia will meet in this city next week.

D. D. Grand Master, B. F. Watson and the reception committee have completed arrangements.

The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons will convene Monday evening, the Grand Commandery of Knight Templars Tuesday morning and the Grand Lodge of Masons will be opened by the M. W. Grand Master I. W. Barnes, of Portsmouth Va., Tuesday evening.

The M. W. Grand Master of Maryland, J. P. Evans, and the Grand Master of the District of Columbia, Nelson E. Welford, will be the special guests of the Grand Lodge.

A public reception will be held Tuesday evening. Wednesday morning Henry K. Field President of the board of Aldermen will welcome the delegates to the city. Thursday evening a banquet will be tendered by the Lodges of this city and Arlington, Va.

## EUROPEAN CATHEDRALS

Devastation Destroys Them for All Times Says Arthur Stanley Riggs

Utter impossibility of ever restoring the war-devastated cathedrals of Europe was emphasized last night at a National Geographic Society lecture at New Masonic Temple in Washington, by Arthur Stanley Riggs, fellow of the Royal Geographical Society, and distinguished traveler and lecturer.

"There is much foolish talk to the effect that after the war work of restoration and reconstruction in Europe will make the devastated cathedrals even more beautiful than they were originally," said the lecturer. "It is absurd. No modern hand can bring back the glory of the thirteenth century workmanship of the Cathedral of Rheims. No one today can produce the same significant work as was done by the geniuses of the Middle Ages. Art is more than skill, it demands inspiration. This inspiration cannot be reproduced. Some of these talented workmen labored for 3 cents a day. What would the work cost today? A fabulous sum."

Norfolk Oysters in all styles at the Hotel Rammel.

## AT THE CHURCHES.

Continuing his talks on Science and the Bible, Dr. J. W. Duffey will speak in the M. E. Church South tomorrow evening, 7:45 o'clock on "The Answer Science Makes to Moses."

The Rev. Dr. R. D. Garland, of Richmond, will be at tomorrow's services at the Second Baptist Church. The meetings will be a continuation of the protracted meetings which were commenced last week and which will be continued through next week.

The Rev. W. F. Watson, D. D., pastor of the First Baptist Church will preach tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock on "The Christian Life." A right hand of fellowship will be extended at this meeting to new members. At 7:45 o'clock his subject will be "The Call of Matthew."

Holy Communion will be celebrated at 11 a. m. in all the churches tomorrow.

**St. Mary's Church.**  
First mass at 7 a. m., children's mass 9, Sunday School 9:30, late mass and sermon 10:30, baptisms, 3:30, evening services and benediction 4 o'clock p. m. Mass every Sunday morning St. Rita's Chapel, 9 o'clock at Mount Ida. Masses week mornings 6:30 and 7 o'clock.

**Christ Church.**  
Rev. William J. Morton, rector. Sunday school 9:30 a. m. Services at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Holy Communion 11 a. m.

**Grace Church.**  
Rev. Edgar Carpenter, rector. Holy Communion 7:30 a. m. Sunday School, 9:30. Morning prayer and sermon 11:00. Evening prayer and sermon 7:30 p. m.

**St. Paul's Church.**  
Rev. P. P. Phillips, rector. Sunday school 9:30 a. m. Services at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Holy Communion 11 a. m.

**Lutheran Church.**  
Rev. C. F. Brandt, pastor. Services at 11 a. m. Sunday school at 9:30 a. m.

**Second Presbyterian Church.**  
Rev. J. L. Allison, D. D., pastor. Sunday School, 9:30 a. m. Services, 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

**Methodist Episcopal Church South.**  
Rev. J. W. Duffey, pastor. Sunday school 9:30 a. m. Epworth League services at 6:45 p. m. Services and sermon 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

**Methodist Protestant Church.**  
Rev. C. R. Strausburg, pastor. Services at 11:00 a. m. Sunday School 9:30 a. m. Christian Endeavor 6:45 p. m.

**Trinity Methodist Episcopal Church.**  
Rev. G. A. Luttrell, pastor. Sabbath School, 9:30 a. m. Services at 11 a. m. and 8:00 p. m. Epworth League 6:30 p. m.

**First Baptist Church.**  
Rev. W. F. Watson, pastor. Sunday school at 9:30 a. m. Services at 11 a. m. and 7:45 p. m.

**Second Baptist Church.**  
Rev. O. W. Triplett, pastor—Services at 10 a. m. 11 a. m. and 7:45 p. m. Sunday school 9:30 a. m. Prayer services Wednesday evenings at 7:45 o'clock.

**Free Methodist Church—Rev. Geo. Eakins, pastor.** Sunday school at 10 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Prayer service at 7:30 p. m. on Thursday.

## JUMPS TO DEATH FROM SHIP

Man Leaps into Sea and Drowns on Way to Charleston.

Charleston, S. C., Dec. 5.—A passenger on the American steamer Arapahoe, registered as F. W. Tibbets, of Peabody, Mass., jumped into the sea Thursday and was drowned off Diamond Shoals. The tragedy was made known today with the ship's arrival here from New York.

A passenger and a member of the crew saw the man leap overboard and sounded an alarm. A life preserver was thrown, but Tibbets made no effort to reach it. Fog prevented a lifeboat from finding the body.

## WILL FIGHT TO SUSTAIN THE LAW

Commonwealth's Attorneys  
of Eighteen Counties  
in Conference.

## TO RESIST THE CITIES

Believed Effort to Declare Rolling  
Stock Bill Unconstitutional Will Be  
Defeated at This Time.

Lynchburg, Va., Dec. 5.—At a conference here yesterday of Commonwealth attorneys representing eighteen counties, together with N. C. Manson, Jr., the city attorney of Lynchburg, steps were taken looking to cooperation to resist the efforts of cities in the State, which are seeking through the courts and State Corporation Commission to have the law providing for a distribution of the railroad rolling stock tax among all of the cities and counties of the State, declared unconstitutional.

The conference lasted from 9 o'clock yesterday morning until well into the afternoon and it resulted in the retention of Randolph Harrison of Lynchburg, and E. P. Buford, of Brunswick County, as counsel to represent the cities and counties in resisting these several actions. These attorneys both accepted the proposition offered them by the meeting, and agreed to undertake the defense of the law.

During the conference Messrs. Harrison and Buford appeared, by request, before the conference and expressed confidence in the law as it stands at present upon the statute books of the State, saying they believed the effort to have the law declared unconstitutional could be defeated this time.

The officers elected by the conference are: President, A. H. Light, of Campbell county; secretary, Frank T. Sutton, of Henrico County; treasurer, H. Hobson, of Chesterfield county.

The officers were instructed to notify the counties and cities of the State which will benefit by the law being declared constitutional, and to request them to join in the movement, with the understanding that after the case is settled the cost of the litigation will be apportioned according to the mileage of the railways in the respective counties and cities.

During the discussion it was suggested that Congressman H. D. Flood be retained as one of the counsel for the defenders of the law, and S. L. Ferguson, of Appomattox, offered the services of Mr. Flood to the committee without cost, declaring Mr. Flood would be associated in the matter, if his services were desired, from a patriotic standpoint, and without remuneration.

## CHILEAN CRUISER MISSING

Police of Santiago Capture Cutter of German Steamer.

Santiago, Chile, Dec. 5.—Considerable anxiety is felt here today for the warship Baquedani, sent out by the Chilean government to investigate reports that the Germans have established a base in the Juan Fernandez Islands.

The Baquedani should have returned November 30 but is still missing. The cruiser Zento started today to search for the Baquedani.

Further attempts of the Germans to evade neutrality laws is alleged today, following a raid by the police on the water front at Valparaiso.

The police captured a cutter, containing eight men, which carried provisions, food and life bouys belonging to the German transport Prinz Eitel.

The cutter was alongside the German steamer Goettinger. The German consul and the manager of the Kosmos line were found aboard the Goettinger.

## WOMEN'S EXCHANGE

Open Monday, December 7th  
For information regarding  
membership etc. Apply 123  
North Fairfax Street.

## LOCAL BREVITIES

The concert and tableaux to have been given at the Westminster Building on Friday evening, December 13, has been called off, as the Westminster League of the Second Presbyterian Church will meet on that evening.

The following civil service examinations will be held in Alexandria on the dates mentioned: Stenographer and typewriter, January 26; agriculturist and field agent, December 29th; assistant engineer, mapping wells, December 29th; assistant photographer, January 6th.

The Belgian Relief Committee has received a barrel of flour from N. Lindsey and Company, eight bushels of beans from Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Anderson and a box of merchandise from a friend.

A large audience is expected to hear Captain Fauntleroy at Lee Camp Hall Monday night. The meeting is given under the auspices of the camp and the public is invited. Captain Fauntleroy will speak on "Life in the Philippines."

On account of the Elks' service tomorrow night, the services at Christ Church will be held at 7 o'clock.

The alarm of fire shortly after two o'clock this afternoon was caused by a blaze at 912 Pendleton street. The flames were extinguished before any serious damage resulted.

## WOMAN SELLS HER HAIR

Chicago Girl, Out of Work, Gets but \$2.50 for Her Locks.

Chicago, Dec. 5.—Her braid of wavy golden hair she sold last week for \$2.50 to pay her room rent. She had only 7 cents of that left, and what she had heard called her "crown of glory" was gone.

She sat with a boy's knitted cap pulled down to her ears, to cover the short hair that was still strange to her in the waiting room of the emergency employment bureau of the Chicago Woman's Club. Her story was told disconnectedly, and was only one of hundreds depicting destitution here.

The girl, who gave her initials as R. L., had been an office clerk. Two weeks ago she was dismissed from her place, where she earned \$7.50 a week.

## "JIM CROW" LAW SUSTAINED.

Court Of Appeals Rules In Case Of Indicted Negro.

Baltimore, Dec. 5.—Chief Judge Boyd, of the Court of Appeals, in an opinion delivered at Annapolis yesterday upholds the validity of the act of the Legislature of 1908, known as Chapter 248, which contains the Jim Crow provisions, as pertaining to railroad and railway companies operating within the State. The court, in its opinion, holds that officials of all companies operating for a distance of 20 miles or more from an incorporated city have the right to designate separate seats for white and colored passengers.

The decision was rendered in the case of the state against James Jenkins, colored, who appealed from the ruling of the Criminal Court of this city. The court, in its opinion, holds that the statute was intended to apply only to passengers transported within the limits of the State, and that any provision to apply to interstate traffic would be in conflict with the Federal constitution. This suit had its inception in a case on a car over the Washington, Baltimore, and Annapolis Electric Railway line. The appellee will, therefore, be called upon to stand trial on the indictment charging him with refusal to comply with the regulations of the company.

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## RUSSIANS CLAIM MANY CAPTIVES

130,000 Austro-German Soldiers and 2,500 Officers Prisoners.

## FORTRESS CROWDED.

Muscovite Official Statement Indicates That Kaiser's Troops Have Been Hurled Back 20 Miles.

London, Dec. 5.—Ten thousand Austrian and German prisoners arrived at the Russian fortress of Kiev on Wednesday of this week. Reports from Petrograd state that 130,000 Austro-German soldiers and 2,500 officers made prisoners by the Russians have passed through Kiev since the war began.

The fortress is declared to be crowded to its utmost capacity with Austrians and Germans taken during the operations in Galicia and southern Poland.

A Petrograd message declares reports that the Lodz battle has terminated in a brilliant victory for the Russians, have been confirmed.

The Russians captured many prisoners, cannon, and machine guns.

The Russian official statement, while claiming no complete victory indicates that the Germans have been swung back twenty miles at one important point in their main line of advance toward Warsaw.

Desperate fighting is now in progress along the main road between Lodz and Glogno, mentioned in the official statement as being in the line of the fighting front, is about half way between these two points.

The official statement, therefore, indicates that the Germans have not been driven from Lodz, the easternmost point reached in their advance but, with this town as a pivot, have been swung back twenty miles from Skrimievec, upon Glogno, directly west.

The Germans continue to hold the left bank of the Vistula. The Russians, however, are making a determined effort to cross the river, and this would mean a serious thrust at the German line of communications.

The Germans maintain a wedge in the Russian lines with Lodz as the apex, but their front has evidently been extended by the Russian attack.

The German advance over the western roads toward Lodz and Piotrkow, and the general developments of the campaign, has resulted in a zig-zag battle line.

The claims of thousands of prisoners captured, made by both sides, appear probable owing to the great extent of the battle front and the possibilities of cutting off detachments owing to the interlacing of the lines at some points.

## MARRIED IN HOSPITAL

Eride Striken with Appendicitis, So Ceremony Is Hastened.

Faterson, Dec. 5.—Fearing that death would intervene and make their long planned marriage impossible, Leopold Mutter, of Paterson, and Carrie Woodring Gilbert of Waynesboro, Pa. were married at the bedside of the bride in the Paterson General Hospital shortly after she had recovered consciousness after an operation for appendicitis.

The ceremony was performed by the Rev. George Whitehead with Charles S. Gall, registrar of vital statistics, and Miss Alice Urtel, the nurse, as witnesses. The doctors reported the operation successful, and said the bride would recover.

Miss Anna Moore, who has been the guest of Mrs. F. H. Schneider, in Queen street, has returned to her home in New York.

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